

Allocation of foodgrains to Uttarakhand

†*215. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of wheat, rice and sugar allocated to Uttarakhand during the financial years 2011-12 and so far in 2012-13;
- (b) whether this allocation is according to the State's demand;
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry has received any request from the State for increasing its quota; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) Under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), allocation of foodgrains @35 kg/family/month is being made for accepted number of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families in Uttarakhand. Monthly quota of levy sugar is allocated as per fixed quota of the State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The details of the allocation of rice & wheat under TPDS and levy sugar quota allocated to State Government of Uttarakhand during 2011-12 & 2012-13 are as under:

(In thousand tons)		
Commodity	2011-12	2012-13
Rice	180.640	182.856
Wheat	315.062	329.136
Total#	495.702	511.992
Levy Sugar	73.730	*
	(Provisional)	

Includes Adhoc additional allocation to ensure APL allocation @35kg/family/month

* Sugar season is reckoned from October to September.

No request for increasing the monthly levy sugar quota has been received from the State Government of Uttarakhand. However, requests have been received

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from the State Government of Uttarakhand for higher/increased allocation of foodgrains under TPDS. Considering the availability of surplus stocks in the Central Pool and the requests received from the State, Government of India has been making *ad hoc* additional/special allocation of foodgrains, over and above the normal allocations under TPDS. The details of the *ad hoc* additional allocations made to Uttarakhand during 2011-12 & 2012-13 are as under:

2011-12

- i) 21642 tons of rice and 16546 tons of wheat allocated in May 2011 for distribution to BPL families upto March 2012
- ii) 3000 tons of rice and 3000 tons of wheat allocated for June to November 2011 for Char dham Yatra
- iii) 100000 tons of rice and 50000 tons of wheat allocated in July, 2011 from the unlifted balance quantity out of January, 2011 APL additional allocations
- iv) 1742 tons of rice and 860 tons of wheat allocated during July-October 2011 for distribution to additional BPL/AAY families in the poorest districts of Champawat and Tehri Garhwal

2012-13

- v) 19478 tons of rice and 18710 tons of wheat allocated in July 2012 for distribution to BPL families upto March 2013
- vi) 1155 tons of rice and 526 tons of wheat allocated in July 2012 for distribution to additional BPL families in the poorest districts of Champawat and Tehri Garhwal
- vii) 3000 tons of rice and 3000 tons of wheat allocated for April to September 2012 for Char dham Yatra

Reasons for grid failure

*216. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for electricity grid failures in the North, West, East and North East India on 30 and 31 July and 1 August, 2012 causing immense hardships to consumers and loss of production of national wealth; and